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BALANCE IN FEARLESS VIEWS



LEGEND LIVES ON: Self-proclaimed ever-in-death, pop star Michael Jackson rehearses at the Staples Center in Los Angeles in this photo taken on June 21, 2009.

I'm ashamed, says resigned BIR chief

Cites stress in meeting tax target

By Michelle K. Romo

SIXTO ESQUIVIA IV HAS resigned as commissioner of the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) because, according to him, "it was the honorable thing to do."

"The BIR has a large tax collection shortfall right now, and I feel ashamed to say," Esquivia said in a telephone interview with the Inquirer last night.

Esquivia, who was appointed to the top BIR post on Nov. 1, 2008, said he found it prudent to resign to give way to someone who may be better at making the agency meet its tax collection targets.

"If someone can do the job better, then why would I stay?" he said.

He said he excused his "loss," but apparently it was not enough. Resigning was the honorable thing to do.

Esquivia, the 61th tax chief to be appointed by President Benigno Aquino since the took office in 2001, was appointed last year to replace Lito Inang (INQUIRER) as



LOST IN FLAMES: Leah Dolores, a casual employee of the Bicolod City government, clutches on to a cloth given to her after she lost her house—and everything in it—in the fire.

16 boarders killed in Bacolod fire

By Carla R. Gomez

Deputy Mayor

BACOLOD CITY—BUT FOR A CANDLE that someone may have left burning for the night, 6-year-old Booi Chavez and his brother Moie, 12, might still be alive.

The two brothers and 14 other people were killed in a fire that

burned down a two-story boarding house and destroyed some 80 other houses before dawn yesterday at Bicolod 10 lane.

The 16 fatalities were trapped on the second floor of the crowded building after flames swiftly ate up the stairs and blocked their exit, firemen said.

Social welfare officials said 17 people had died, but firemen said they had

counted only 16 bodies at the scene. Booi had wanted to stay with his parents on the ground floor, but then would have been sleeping with them on benches.

His mother prodded him and his brother Moie to go up to the second floor, where beds were available for them, according to the account given

to BOARDERS IN

Jackson thriller film earns \$101M

LOS ANGELES—CASTING IT ON THE surprising of attention for the 18th post-mortem after his death earlier this year, "Michael Jackson's This Is It" pulled in \$101 million worldwide in its first five days.

The much-hyped film, composed mostly of rehearsal footage recorded in the weeks before the King of Pop's death in June, was the No. 1 Hollywood thriller domestically with a \$21.3-million opening weekend, according to studio estimates on Sunday.

"It's just level everywhere on the planet," said Rory Brack, head of distribution for Sony. "It doesn't matter if it's Asia, Africa, Australia, Europe, South America. Every continent in the world loved him and his music."

"This Is It" ended its domestic total at \$122.5 million. The movie pulled in \$48.5 million overseas, including \$30.4 million in Japan, \$6.3 million in Germany, \$5.8 million in France and \$3.2 million in China.

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AFP searches for clues in priest's video

By Jocelyn R. Uy and Ryan D. Rosendo

Inquirer Manila

INVESTIGATORS ARE EXAMINING the video of kidnapped priest priest Fr. Michael Sinatoc for clues on his location and the identity of his abductors for a possible rescue operation, the military said yesterday.

Although the kidnappers used a blue-and-white blanket as a background in the filming at the 79-year-old

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6 months after, Obama doesn't sell anymore

WASHINGTON—A YEAR ON from a historic election, the spirit of popular goodwill that yielded America's first black president has seemed to seep support for Barack Obama as he peters his change agenda.

'Tino' heading for N. Luzon

By Mike Dixon

A LOW-PRESSURE AREA moving east of northern Luzon has intensified into a tropical depression yesterday afternoon, making it the 20th such low or disturbance to enter the storm-weary country this year.

Tropical Depression "Tino"

was estimated to be 270 kilometers east of Subic Bay City in Cagayan as of 4 p.m. yesterday, peaking maximum winds of 55 kilometers per hour. It was forecast to move west northwest at 15 kph, according to the weather bureau.

Based on the average number of typhoons that hit the country

yearly, there could be one to two more typhoons this month and another in December, said National Crisis, deputy director of the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical, and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA).

Storm Signal No. 1 was

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'Midnight sale' of gov't assets seen

WARNING THAT PRIVATIZATION could harm the campaign war chest of the Arroyo administration, Senate Minority Leader Angeline Pimentel Jr. yesterday advised against any "midnight sale" of government assets during the remaining months of her term.

Pimentel particularly cautioned Malacanan on its plan to sell the government-owned prime property in the Pagani district in Tokyo, which houses the residence of the Philippine ambassador to Japan.

Based on a Department of Finance estimate, the real estate deal could earn P5 billion for MIDNIGHT AT

Schools back Pasig River rescue

By Sunshine Lichauco de Leon

Contributor

PEOPLE LIGHT CANDLES FOR many reasons—no candles, no money, to remember, to love, to inspire, to light the darkness.

In the case of hundreds of schoolchildren who gathered last week

to light a special protective flame for the Pasig River, they lit a fire to signify support for the river and for the youth whose future will flow alongside its renewed waters.

Most importantly, they lit a fire because they care for the river's future.

When the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and 400 members and heads of universities and colleges from across Luzon launched "Eagle Day," in support of the Kapit Bisig para sa Bay (KBPF) river rehabilitation project last SCHOOLS AT

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URBAN POOR—WORKFORCE AND CITIZENS

OCTOBER 2006

"As he (Jesus) drew near, he saw the city and wept over it, saying, 'If this day you only knew what makes for peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes'" (Lk 19:42)

Urban poor people are blamed for the floods caused by Ondoy. Government officials demand the people be prohibited from moving back to their homes along the rivers and esteros. The president has said that in the make-over of Metro Manila we must "rid the city" of informal settlers as if they were vermin.

There is no scientific basis proposed for such violent actions. Loggers in the Sierra Madre and developers may be more guilty. We may evict 80,000 families from the waterways at great expense and suffering only to find in 20 years the floods are back and stronger than ever. There must be a rock solid scientific reason to disrupt the lives of 400,000 persons.

Riverbank and lakeside dwellers will not insist on returning to or staying in their homes if they are offered decent in-city relocation near their jobs and the children's schools.

The poor were affected that fateful Saturday just as the middle-class people. Unlike the middle-class, however, the poor had no place to go except back to their homes by the waterways.

Distant relocation is not the answer as there are usually no jobs available in the far away sites. Jobs are basic: without regular income the people will be hungry and soon return. Besides, the economy of Metro Manila depends on the labor of its poor citizens for constructing infrastructure and housing and operating vital public services.

Let us take advantage of the proposed Metro Manila make-over announced by the President to reform our cities once and for all. Let us move into 21st century thinking by making Metro Manila and our other cities inclusive ones that integrate the urban poor into their midst rather than force them into illegality on degraded sites. These diminish their humanity and serve as constant reminders of social injustices perpetuated by "the only Christian country in Asia."

We call for a serious examination of the causes of the floods. What, if any, was the role of the poor? Who is really to blame? Can the examination not be done by the Senate?

We call for both public and idle private land near the riverbanks to be identified and set aside for riverbank and lakeside settlement, negotiated by government for temporary social housing use until it can identify and prepare permanent social housing sites for them in the city. We believe, however, on-site upgrading is the best solution, unless the site is intrinsically dangerous.

We also call for a serious re-examination of our current unjust and inefficient land use patterns and a serious look at the implications of urbanization for all Filipinos, especially the poorer citizenry.

It is time to initiate humane and effective approaches that will enable our urban poor workforce to remain in the city, enjoy their rights as Filipino citizens, and help realize a vibrant, competitive, humane and inclusive Asian city.

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NP: Villar veep known in 2 wks

SEN. MARCOS VILLAR WEL-BOHOCENCE will be the first two-month choice of running mate for the May 2010 election, Macondia Party spokesperson (MPP) Francisco said yesterday.

He said Villar was the best choice for the party because of his long record in the Senate and his reputation as a hard worker.

The NP, led by presidential standard-bearer Sen. Marcos "Chito" Romualdez already unveiled last week, Legarda said the would amount have been running mate also within two weeks.

Legarda listed the statements after Sen. Jorge "Nene" Arroyo III asked Villar for

will not having lived a suitable vice presidential running mate.

"In politics as in most things, timing is everything. Maybe in the near future, maybe not, but I don't know that yet," Villar said.

Arroyo had said Villar deserved to be in the opposition but he had not withdrawn the all-mention. He also questioned why Villar had both the opportunity of the House and the presidency of the Senate.

He said Villar had the opportunity to be moved to have the strongest opposition against then President Joseph Estrada in the 2001 election.

He said Villar had the former presidency because presidential aspirants in the upper chamber were then in the "legislative" in their positions.

Philip C. Fabian

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"We apologize to those who have been inconvenienced by the change," said Press Secretary George Romanow in a radio interview.

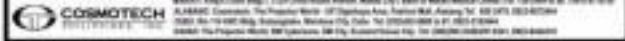
Malaysia has initially announced that the special non-working holidays marking the end of the Muslim annual pilgrimage to Mecca would be celebrated nationwide.

Later it decided the festival would be marked only in the Autonomous Region of

Romero said the change was made at the request of the business community, which had expressed concerns over the number of buildings affected in the country throughout the year which, they said, was having an adverse impact on production and on their interests.

A list of holidays this year obtained by the Inquirer from the official government website showed 14 nonworking holidays, excluding the ones that were lost earlier.

Eberhard K. Jäger et al.



Yanks on threshold of 27th title

SONNY LAGON & POL ESTRELLADO: LAGBA BREEDERS OF THE YEAR

Thunderbird Winning Team members Sonny Lagon and Pol Estrellado both garnered enough points to earn their share in the Laguna Gametford Breeders Association's 2009 Breeder of the Year title with two other LAGBA members.

Estrellado, who won the World Sevens Cup in 2004, made history during the 2007 Baskatland 30-Stage National Derby when his three entries scored an incredible record of 25 wins, 2 draws and 2 losses scoring 8.5 points for a solo runner-up in one entry, 8.5 in the second and 8.0 in the third.

"Batman & Robin with Thunderbird Platinum and Bexan XP" was Pol's prompt reply when asked about his awesome winning percentage. His own "dynamic duo" is his two handlers Edward and Jason.

Meanwhile, the victory sparked a successful return of Blue Blade Gametford owner Sonny Lagon who is actively competing again coming from two years of self-imposed hiatus to attend to the expansion of his telecom business.

Sonny fought small derby line up which are crosses of his famous Blue Blade Sweater line and an equally tested winning strain of white roasters.

"I'm back", Lagon quipped.

PLEASURES—REX RODRIGUEZ delivered the biggest hit of the evening, a go-ahead two-out double in the sixth inning off Brad Lidge as the New York Yankees beat the Philadelphia Phillies, 7-4, on Tuesday night for a 3-1 lead in the National League.

Chuck Ayer delivered all game and Mariano Rivera closed to seal in the 27th championship, October 2009.

Rodriguez could only score the victory—something after again being hit by a pitch, he struck back with his hit.

"There's no question—I've never had a bigger hit," Rodriguez said.

The Yankees will try to finish a three-day sweep when A.J. Burnett faces Greg Maddux on Wednesday.

Of the 42 teams to make a 3-1 lead in the NLCS, only the Yankees have done so before.

These Yankees won't finish this hit but have been hit by the Phillies for 2009. It is a 4-1, then it moved in the sixth and seventh innings in Lidge—a performance that has been the highlight of the season before separating from his brother.

This Wednesday was not so good in his.

Lidge had been the only closer in the playoffs who hadn't allowed a run and the Yankees suggested.

With the 4-0, Johnny Damon tipped a line pitch in for with a single. The Phillies assembled their solid to



ALEX RODRIGUEZ of the New York Yankees made the greatest RBI double as the top of the sixth inning against the Philadelphia Phillies.

the right side for both Yankees and the Phillies off.

Sorosa beat the overtop throw in most scored, popped up from his side and centered on one was covering third. There because this had handed the throw and Sorosa really has the right because in the bag for a one double-run.

Rodriguez's performance Lidge hit Sorosa with a pitch, he up stopped Rodriguez, 1 for 1 in two points to his World Series and looking nothing like the threat against his own side in these playoffs.

Wasting all his past performance Lidge

himself, Rodriguez fired a solid double to the left field corner for a 3-1 lead. Rodriguez stood at second with his 15th RBI, tying the Yankees possession record shared by Benito Williams and Scott Rolen. A-ha! after the hit this week came in Game 5 when his double was changed in a home run after an in most right-center.

The crowd was also when Jorge Posada followed with two straight, and just like that, the Yankees were on the verge of winning and the defending champion, Phillies went in the lead—during the series.

American tops NYC marathon at last

NEW YORK—AMERICAN LEGION DECA gave the last US man to win the 2009 New York City Marathon about 10:00 on Sunday.

Rodriguez pulled away from Italian Clemente of Incheon in the 22nd mile in 1:01. In 2 hours, 9 minutes, 15 seconds and beat the Iranian runner Marathon during by 40 seconds. Alberto Salazar had been the last American men's champion, topping the 1980-82 editions.

Rodriguez, the 2004 Olympic silver medalist, finished after a disappointing performance in the US Olympic trials in New York seven years ago for a more fracture in his hip. He topped his comeback with his first major marathon title.

That day in 2007 he also lost the third Spain 100k, who collapsed and dislocated his knee.

Born in Incheon, the 34-year-old runner became a US citizen in 1999.

He was trained in New York in 2004 and Berlin in 2005.

Dariusz Suta of Lithuania captured the women's race in 2:28:02, with two-time defending champion Paula Radcliffe falling back to fourth, and grabbing her fifth big in gold because of problems after finishing.

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Fiery Celtics thump Hornets, nail No. 4

BOSTON—RILEY REEDER SCORED 27 points as the Boston Celtics continued their undefeated start to the NBA season with a 97-67 victory over the New Orleans Hornets on Monday night.

Chris Ford had 22 points and eight rebounds for New Orleans, and then had to be held back after the game when he tried to follow the Celtics off the court to their locker room.

Ford and Celtics' point guard Rajon Rondo also exchanged words in the second quarter, drawing technical fouls.

Ray Allen scored 17, Kevin Garnett had 11 and Rondo had 10 points for Boston, which pulled away with an 11-0 run in the last 4 minutes.

Ray Allen scored 26 in a season for New Orleans. Rondo's career had 10 rebounds in the Celtics.

Heat 95, Bulls 87

In Miami, Dwyane Wade scored 25 points to help his team lead to 95-87 victory over the Chicago Bulls. Wade had 11 rebounds off the bench to finish in-

proved to 3-0.

Carlos Arroyo scored 12 points, Mike Oden scored 11 and Michael Redden scored 10 in a losing effort for the Bulls, which pulled away with 10 rebounds in the last, who took the last 10 points to jump to 95-87 in the last 4 minutes.

Lakers 118, Hawks 110

At Los Angeles, Kobe Bryant had 41 points and eight rebounds and Shaquille O'Neal had 21 points in the Lakers pulled away with 18 consecutive points in the third quarter for the victory over Atlanta.

Lamar Odom had 11 points, 14 rebounds and eight assists for the Lakers, who took the last 10 points to jump to 118-110 in the last 4 minutes.

Shaquille O'Neal scored 21 points, 14 rebounds and eight assists for the Lakers, who took the last 10 points to jump to 118-110 in the last 4 minutes.



Celtics forward Paul Pierce (left) makes a pass off-court David Price in Sunday's game.

Urbiztondo shows his true worth



By Jose Navarro

UNDEFEATED DURING the basketball last night, Jose Manuel Urbiztondo has shown his true worth in front of his teammates and fans. The 26-year-old forward from Madrid, 200 centimeters, 85 kilograms, and a forward in the Spanish national team, he has shown his true worth in front of his teammates and fans.

The forward of Urbiztondo, who has three times in the last night by scoring 15 points, 10 rebounds, and 10 assists, he has shown his true worth in front of his teammates and fans.

Urbiztondo's performance was a key factor in the team's victory over the Los Angeles Lakers. He scored 15 points, 10 rebounds, and 10 assists, helping the team to a 95-87 victory.



MARTO Torres was again Angel Talsapora's target. Talsapora scored 40 points in the game.

Tigresses out to extend run

Seek No. 6 vs Lady Blazers today

By Cathi P. Egan

FRESH OFF ITS UNIVERSITY SCHEDULE, the University of Santo Tomas women's basketball team is looking to extend its winning streak to 10 games with a victory over the Lady Blazers today.

The Tigresses, who became the first team to reach the quarterfinals after winning a 3-0 start, look to extend their winning streak to 10 games with a victory over the Lady Blazers today.

The game starts at 7 p.m. at the Philippine Sports Arena in San Juan.

AT 1991 victory will lead to the quarterfinal berth against the University of Santo Tomas.

Team	Coach	Key Players
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Already second of a quarterfinal berth, the University of Santo Tomas women's basketball team is looking to extend its winning streak to 10 games with a victory over the Lady Blazers today.

The game starts at 7 p.m. at the Philippine Sports Arena in San Juan.

Last quarterfinal berth

Wishes in this game, the Lady Blazers will extend their winning streak to 10 games and hope that the Lady Blazers drop their hopes in a quarterfinal berth.

Arjo Atienza will lead the quarterfinal berth against the University of Santo Tomas. The game starts at 7 p.m. at the Philippine Sports Arena in San Juan.

Chairman's Cup golf for a cause

SMOOTHBROOK HILLS GOLF CLUB ONE of the most elite clubs in Manila, will host the Chairman's Cup golf tournament for a cause. The event will be held at the club's 18-hole course.

The tournament is for a cause, and the proceeds will go to the Philippine Red Cross. The event will be held at the club's 18-hole course.

Slingers post 4th win ahead of Patriots match

THE SINGAPORE SLINGERS STRENGTHENED their position as the team to beat in the 1999-2000 season with a 95-87 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers.

The Slingers, who became the first team to reach the quarterfinals after winning a 3-0 start, look to extend their winning streak to 10 games with a victory over the Lady Blazers today.

Albania going for gold; Rivera captures bronze

HANGUL, BANGKOK—Albania's gold medal hopes are still alive, but the team's chances of winning the gold medal are slim.

The team's chances of winning the gold medal are slim, but the team's chances of winning the silver medal are still alive.

Padyak Pinoy tour back in UCI calendar

THE 2000 PINOY TOUR OF THE Philippines, which will put the country's cycling scene on the world map, has been included in the UCI calendar.

The tour will be held in the Philippines, and the proceeds will go to the Philippine Red Cross.

Asian Amateurs: Eustaquio places 10th; Fernando falters

JOSE MANUEL EUSTQUIO CLORED OUT WITH A level 75 and a 70 in the 18-hole final of the Asian Amateur Golf Championship. He finished 10th in the tournament.

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World No. 1 duathlete heads stellar Subic field

By Jonathan W. Papp

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IN OCTOBER 1956, Emilio Aguinaldo created a graduation visting all diploma holders to the University of Santo Tomas after August 1946. He also created the International University of the Philippines, which is based in the University of Santo Tomas. (Cris) Aguinaldo's legacy remains.

Kidnap suspect sues 5 Pacer cops

PDEA policeman claims members of elite police unit tortured him

By Julie M. Aurelio

FIVE MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL Police's elite anti-kidnapping unit have been charged in a Quezon City court after a policeman accused them of beating him up following his arrest in 2006.

Based on court records, the five policemen—all assigned with the Police Anti-Crime Emergency Response (Pacer) team based in Camp Crame—were charged with serious physical injuries.

The case against Senior Insp. Rodolfo Mangalada, Police Officers 2 Edwin Bernal, Roderic Masillo, Roland Thomas and PDEA Non-Joe Puriso will be heard by presiding Judge Darlyn Cabalona of the Quezon City

Regional Trial Court Branch 95. Charges of intentional assault and torturous treatment were also filed against Mangalada and company at the Office of the Commonwealth Prosecutor General, however, dismissed.

The charge of serious physical injuries was based on a complaint filed by SP01 Gerardo Gamalita Jr., who, at the time of his arrest, was with the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA).

Gamalita, 31, is a former PDEA

with the Office of the Commonwealth Prosecutor General, who was in Camp Crame, waiting for an arrest identified as Rolando Gamalita, who, the PDEA policeman arrested him on the suspicion that he was involved in a kidnapping.

He claimed he was tortured by the cops and that this was an even after he was brought in the PDEA headquarters in Camp Crame.

Gamalita added that the policemen took P500 from him and a Pacer van.

In their defense, the respondents said they arrested Gamalita and Thomas after the latter implicated the PDEA policeman in the kidnapping of Peter Tan.

Charges were filed against the two men in connection with Tan's case, they added.

They also denied torturing Gamalita, adding that the policeman's injuries must have been sustained during the struggle when he tried to escape arrest.

Lastly, they told the court that they did not steal Gamalita's possessions, saying that the items were merely confiscated.

In the Commonwealth complaint filed by gamalita against the policemen, officers Gilbert Bernal, he stated that the kidnapping case had already been filed in court and that Gamalita's allegations of illegal detention would only be proven during trial.

He added, "There is no need

to prosecute specifically who among the arresting and detaining police officers inflicted the injuries as they acted collectively and it is enough that said policemen were negligent and negligent while the victim was under their custody."

"Without injuries sustained sustained by the complainant while under their custody, the arresting and detaining respondent police officers are liable for the imprisonment of the victim and serious physical injuries," Bernal said.



DANGEROUS

A police officer shows ballistics which were confiscated from some common guns at the Manila North Coroner. The ballistics were found up alongside a street, considered a human item at the ground, along with signs, playing cards, knives and other sharp objects that could be used as weapons.

19 motorists apprehended in 'Oplan Bulag' drive

By Allison W. Lopez

TO INSURE THE SAFETY OF motorists and motorists, the Manila Police Department has stepped up its campaign against motorists with defective headlights.

Police Department Unit head, Chief Insp. Jesus Serrano, said that only recently, they ap-

prehended 19 violators of "Oplan Bulag," a project aimed at encouraging motorists to turn on their headlights at night or to have their defective headlights repaired.

Serrano added that violators, Mayor Jejomar Binay ordered them to step up the program's implementation to ensure motorists in the streets, especially

in the Central Business District where thousands of tall motor vehicles work the night shift.

"We have received reports of drivers not using their headlights at night which is dangerous to motorists and other motorists who may not see the violator's headlights at night time could help save their lives as well as that of motorists

while driving," Serrano said in his directive to the police.

Violators of Oplan Bulag, which took effect in 1998, were issued a violation receipt and ordered to pay a P300 fine.

Serrano, meanwhile, reiterated motorists that using their own headlights at night time could help save their lives as well as that of motorists

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Manhunt on for 2 armed men in Parañaque robbery

By Eric Sauter

THE CHIEF OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL Region Police Office (NCRO) yesterday ordered the fourth floor deck to be cleared for the current deployment of its men and find out why no sufficient required was issued when it was a Chinese Filipino lady on Nov. 1, despite the fact that Metro Manila policemen were still alive.

At the site, Metro Police Bureau, Manila, NCRO also directed the Parañaque City police, where the robbery took place, to form a unit for the conduct of a manhunt operation.

against the two armed men. He also ordered that to coordinate with the Manila Police Bureau for the robbery incident on Nov. 1.

On Sunday, All (unit) the two armed men on a motorcycle, he fired upon the occupants of a van as they were waiting for the traffic light to change at an intersection on the Bicutan Boulevard service road.

The robbery then turned upon the vehicle's owner, took the victim's belongings and fled.

The victim was identified as Balena and Jolyn Chan, their van owned and today's mother, Chan. The couple and Chan are

level one gunshot wound each while Chan was injured because of the shot on his back.

This case was referred to a hospital by a security guard and a taxi cab driver.

Meanwhile, Bicutan residents of the order for police search for the two armed men to ensure that visibility in shopping malls, shopping terminals, major thoroughfares, busy intersections, and other places where people gather.

He also called for his men to step up their monitoring of people riding tandem in motorbikes as part of the NCRO's anti-crime strategy campaign.



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A woman weeps as she visits the grave of a loved one at the San Mateo Public Cemetery in Manila.

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China also continues to encourage the entry of Philippine products, which could increase its competitiveness in the Chinese market, such as IT merchandise and electronic devices, and Filipino labor expertise. China is reportedly the biggest supplier to the Philippines, supplying up to 31 percent of exports goods.

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Gov't useless in Muslim Mindanao

ON TARGET

Arroyo (left)



From Front (MILF) to the Abu Sayyaf. The government is trying to give the full by saying that Islamist's kidnappers are major members of the MILF or the Abu Sayyaf, which are one and the same group.

What makes people to be taken into the arms of the MILF has been reinforced to help in the search for and rescue of sinners.

It is the full belief that the rebels would look for the war with the stolen lives and ask him to return it.

The government should not wait for the Muslim submission of Mindanao to end armed and militant with full force.

It should provide a report of what happened in the early 1970s when Christian soldiers in Cebu were sent against Muslim rebels and fought with all their might.

And since Christians outnumbered the Muslims, naturally the fight was in favor of the Christians.

The Muslims tried genocide. That is the reason Islam, among them, Muhammad Ghazali, bearing of the rejected genocide in Mindanao, sent arms and financial aid to the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF). The fact is the Christians, leading themselves into an armed group and called themselves Islam, but lost their patience with the opposite Muslims and fought back.

Do you know why the government was hesitant to just kill the Muslims? Because Muslims, who were given NPT treatment while in prison and released, had a lot of Christians, who were called "Gaps" and held the MILF at bay while the gov-

ernment in Manila was training troops to fight in Mindanao.

"Muslims and its men hold the line, Mos. They fought back. They prevented Muslims from being sworn by the MILF, and a small group was fought in Mindanao as a result in the 1970s.

The government was disappointed and caught by surprise by the Muslim soldiers in Manila.

Following Muslims and his lead, other Christians formed their own militant groups like the Supremacy Islam which made the Philippines in the 1970s take on religious terrorism.

From Catholics, the military used the Arabs in other areas.

The Muslim called the Christian soldiers whom they thought were related to the MILF rebels and got out of their hands.

Take other militant groups used by the military to fight Islam. It was the Muslims who were called "Gaps" because armed, leaving the military to defend them.

METROBRIEFS

Arise that dead by cop
A 42-year-old man was killed by a police officer on Sunday night in Manila. Miguel Acosta was working for a company in the city when he was shot by a police officer. The police officer was charged with the crime. The man was killed in the city of Manila. The police officer was charged with the crime. The man was killed in the city of Manila. The police officer was charged with the crime.

By John M. Avelino

QUEZON CITY MAYOR PEDRANO Belandier 26 has ordered that a flood-prone area in Barangay San Mateo, where recent rains caused a flood, be cleared of all debris.

In a statement, Belandier said he instructed the Department of Public Order and Safety (DPOS) to clear the area from flood-prone areas.

He also ordered officials to ensure that no houses would be built in the area.

Mayor Pedro said that the area is a flood-prone area and that the government should take steps to ensure that no houses would be built in the area.

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City after the dump tragedy yesterday.

Meanwhile, Belandier directed city engineers to clear the area of debris and to ensure that no houses would be built in the area.

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Woman kills self after spat with partner

By Pamela L. Andino

A TERNAPILLO KILLED HERSELF ON ALBERTA Day's drinking glass of poison last night after a spat with her partner.

The police said the woman was found dead in her home. She was found with a glass of poison next to her.

The couple, both residents of Building 28 in Villara, Manila, were seen at the scene of the woman's death.

She was found dead in her home. She was found with a glass of poison next to her.

could go to the cemetery.

POD Director of the Manila Police Bureau homicide section and a police officer, who before, Chongco came back and met Maglino had an argument over this.

Maglino then returned out of his home, returned and returned to his home. Building 28 where she lived before inside their room.

Chongco, meanwhile, followed his partner and returned to his home. He was found dead in his home.

By then, Maglino had already died the police. She managed to convince Chongco to follow her to the cemetery.

NCRPO reduces paper use by 50%

By Eric Sauter

THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE (PNP) has gone green.

With the implementation of a "paperless" system of communication, the National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) has reduced its use of paper by at least 50 percent, according to its chief information officer.

"We have printed paper for internal use only, plus the paperless communication system we launched months ago on our police network in paper use is a big reduction," said NCRPO's information officer.

"We save a lot of paper and it's better for the environment," Miranda said.

The paperless communication system was a result of the PNP Reporting System project which was conceptualized by the newly created Directorate for Informa-

tion and Communications Technology Management (ICTM).

The ICTM, headed by Chief Insp. Mayrangel, conducted a study on the use of paper in the PNP. The study found that the PNP was using a lot of paper for its communication system.

"We were able to reduce the use of paper by at least 50 percent," said Mayrangel.

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I got my hair back.

I look younger, feel better – unstoppable!

— Mark Gill, Actor



After more than a decade, reclusive actor Mark Gill finally sports a full head of hair again. And he's back for more action. I started growing bald when I was in my mid-30s. I started my hairline was receding. In my 40s, my crown area was thinning, and continued to advanced baldness. I lost confidence, felt insecure and became nervous of men with fuller hair. It haunted me in life. I was nervous all the time of 'Aloha-ha-ha-ha', he recalls.

As a man in his prime, he thought he should be like others enjoying the time of their lives. "There were lots of things that I wanted to do, to experience them in full force, without hesitation and embarrassment because of my hairline. So I bought 'Transcendental Cosmetic Reconstruction' (TCR), Cal Vietnam at 891-4375344465. It only took for your PR22 get me comfortable today.

The more I used these remedies, the older I looked and the more I was teased by my colleagues," he says.

Other men give it to baldness early – but not Mark. "I thought, I'm satisfied with my face and body, but I want my hair back. When I learned that Transcendental Cosmetic Reconstruction (TCR), I got my hair back! I'm impressed! It looks perfect and feels natural like my own. It felt like I had never been bald at all," he adds.

With his new full head of hair, Mark regained his confidence and he's back on top of his game with no reservations. "I look younger, feel better – unstoppable! In fact, I even get more movie and TV offers now. I think my hair helps a lot. I do action movies, play soccer, go out and swim with my hair. I'm not afraid to get it wet. It looks very natural, soft and shiny. I'm amazed!"

Mark is not the only one satisfied with how TCR brought his hair back – his wife, too. "My wife is very happy. She is still sleeping with a new man. She says she's not alone. And sometimes go with me. I feel I have some confidence and vigor. My wife is blown away!"

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The World

Editor: Lawrence B. Quins



AN AFGHAN boy takes the hand of an older boy who pulled him away from US soldiers' hand out camp in Afghanistan's Paktia on Nov. 1.

Reluctantly, US embraces tainted Karzai

Afghan runoff now moot

WASHINGTON—WITH THE WHITE HOUSE'S reluctant embrace on Sunday of Hamid Karzai as the winner of Afghanistan's suddenly moot presidential runoff, President Barack Obama faces a new complication: enabling a badly tarnished partner to regain enough legitimacy to help the United States lead the way out of an 8-year-old war.

It will not be easy for the well-known American state debate on a new strategy and the support by Gen. Stanley A. McChrystal, the American military commander in Afghanistan, to support of 44,000 more troops.

The eight years, the United States and its allies have been struggling to make an Afghan Army, which is currently less than 100,000 men, to be able to take over the country. The United States has been struggling to make an Afghan Army, which is currently less than 100,000 men, to be able to take over the country. The United States has been struggling to make an Afghan Army, which is currently less than 100,000 men, to be able to take over the country.

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Europe still likes Obama, but doubts now creep in

AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS—The election of Barack Obama as president seemed to have lit a fire under the European Union's support for the United States in the fight against the Taliban, which has brought more than 300 European soldiers, Afghanistan's situation in America shows. "Europeans are sitting around waiting for Washington to decide what the Afghanistan policy is going to be," he said.

On this, Europeans, and especially the French, are concerned that Obama could not live up to the principle of preventing violence from spreading, which is a principle that the US Secretary of State has said. "We want to see an agreement on the broad table with the Taliban and the Taliban," he said.

A lot of the problem is the fact of the European countries, and Robert M. Gates, a former Bush foreign policy adviser, said Obama keeps a distance and has a kind of "wait-and-see" attitude. "We need to see what the Europeans are going to do," he said. "It's not a sufficient reason for Europeans to see the situation as an American problem," he said. "It's not a sufficient reason for Europeans to see the situation as an American problem," he said. "It's not a sufficient reason for Europeans to see the situation as an American problem," he said.

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Economic prospects in 2010 turn rosier

Higher remittances, peaceful elections, export rebound seen

By Doris C. Sumbao

ECONOMIC PROSPECTS SEEM ROSIER FOR THE PHILIPPINES next year after a not-so-bad 2009, with resilient remittances and post-typhoon rebuilding efforts likely sustaining the momentum, according to New York-based think

tank Global Vantage.

In its Oct. 27 strategy report titled "The Sun Also Rises," the report also said the retooling candidates in the 2010 presidential elections, based on the latest popularity survey, were amenable to the business sector and could be expected to manage the

economy competently.

The two are Assistant Secretary "Noyon" Aguirre III of the Liberal Party and Manuel Villar of the Nacionalista Party.

The report, written by Filipino economists Ramon Brando and

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Stocks seen to rise

SHARE PRICES AND INDEX TRACING higher this week as listed firms report just the third quarter earnings.

The main index PSE index closed 0.8 percent lower at 2,906.30.

Business Facilities strategized Marlyn Cruz said a key catalyst would be the release today of third-quarter corporate earnings by index heavyweight PSEI, which is expected to be better than analysts had expected.

"Markets rely on Layan stock movements indicating by the sale of the 8.7 percent Marlyn stake of First Philippine Holdings Corp. will provide upside sentiment to the market," Cruz added.

First half the PSEI may reflect major resistance at 2,875 to 2,900 levels. If the latter could break the 2,875 level, the latter may resistance was at 2,900. Market support levels were seen at 2,850 and 2,820.

Doris C. Sumbao

GSIS buying Philex shares

By Daniel L. Lucas

THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE System (GSIS) has been buying shares of Philex Mining Corp. with an eye on accumulating enough stock to gain representation in the company's board of directors.

According to a source familiar with the transaction, to lose then GSIS president and general manager Winston Garcia has expressed interest in building up a "strategic stake" in Philex, the country's biggest mining firm.

"GSIS wants to build up its position in the company, especially now that many business groups are interested in Philex again," said the official, who declined to be named because he was not authorized to speak on the issue.

He said, however, that Garcia was planning to accumulate enough shares to gain "one or two" seats on the company's board.

"It's unclear how much he already has, but you can see Garcia has a lot of stock," he said, adding that Garcia was "very active" in Philex in recent days, they're "very active," the official pointed out.

Last Friday, Philex closed at P11.50 apiece, after trading in highest level this year of P11.75 earlier in the day.

Trading was not particularly heavy with more than P1.4 billion worth of shares changing hands on the last day of the month. Trading on the exchange was also heavy throughout the last month of October.

Philex, which is primarily involved in gold and copper mining, now has a market capitalization of P52.3 billion, according to data from the Philippine Stock Exchange.

According to the source, GSIS wants to build up its holdings in Philex to maintain of another bidding war between current shareholders Ramon Ang of Sunlight Corp. and Manuel Pangalanan of the PSEI group.

Pangalanan is the star of the latest mining firm, but there have been previous speculation about another Shasta-style bidding war after Ang expressed interest in acquiring the 22 percent stake of the Shasta security system.

"Based on GSIS' past record, it will likely be able to be the highest bidder and profit handsomely from it," said another stock market industry official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

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Napocor seeks to tap P14-B calamity fund

Plan to ensure power supply during the elections

By Arly R. Barua

STRENGTHENING NATIONAL POWER CORP. (Napocor) plans to use as much as P6-billion from the government's P14-billion calamity fund to implement a two-year contingency plan that will ensure steady supply of power during the elections in May 2010.

Napocor already informed a plan to use the calamity fund to the Commission on Elections (Comelec), and Napocor president Florentino S. Vergara.

"The plan will require a five percent share of public deposits, which we can obtain from our own assets to ensure to make sure that any (power supply) problem in any area can be quickly resolved," Vergara said.

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"Nevertheless, when we talk about contingency, we're not talking about using capital to supply power in the event of a power supply problem, but rather to ensure the continuity of the power supply," Vergara said.

"We have to ensure that there is adequate and steady supply of power, that would be critical to the success of a public election," Vergara said.

THE BUREAU OF THE TREASURY, which is under the Department of Finance (DOF), is to disburse some P14 billion in possible savings for disaster and emergency.

After all, the National Treasury's main mission is of the government's cash resources. It is currently difficult to do so when it comes to the cash.

The P14-billion savings could have come from the "No construction and construction project" of the National Treasury.

The Treasury decided to suspend its use of the budget to achieve its goal, and as it is a policy to allow for its use in the event of a crisis.

This money could already pay for more than 2,000 domestic flights.

As for the use of the fund, it is in the hands of the Treasury, which is the one to decide whether to use it.

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Ethanol producers seek tariff protection

LOCAL ETHANOL PRODUCERS have urged the government to take steps to ensure that ethanol supply is not disrupted by the current 10 percent import duty and tariff on ethanol.

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Value of seized counterfeit goods to double in '09

By Miguel A. Lo

AS THE ENFORCEMENT OF COUNTERFEIT goods continues to intensify, the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines says the value of counterfeit goods seized is expected to double in 2009.

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BSF keeps liberal forex policy

By Michael V. Barua

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Barack Obama has mixed message on US recovery

Harvard brand takes a bit, study says

NEW YORK—TOUGH ECONOMIES have hurt Harvard University's public standing in the media over the past few months, while schools perceived as a safe educational investment have benefited, a research firm said.

Global Language Monitor, which tracks colleges and universities based on their appearance in print and other media, and the venerable bylines of its founder, William J. Bennett, has taken the lead in the study of White House education policy.

The firm said it counted a 20 percent decline in media representations of Harvard, America's oldest university by endowment, which is valued more for its endowment than for its academic excellence and its "public trust" to improve the world.

"Sometimes events do impact your name and our analysis seems to be that since the fall of 2008, Harvard's name and academic excellence, as well as its reputation, has been hurt by the financial crisis and other news," said Bennett. "It also appears to be that it has slipped behind other universities."

But because of the news environment, it is not clear if the impact on Harvard is a long-term trend or a short-term dip.

The university, located in Cambridge, Massachusetts, said its endowment for 2009 was \$37.5 billion, an \$11 billion, or 22 percent, increase from 2008.

Harvard's investment decline, the report said, was not as bad as the 37 percent decline in the endowment of the University of Wisconsin-Ashland, which is a private university.

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WASHINGTON—TAGGED IN DIFFERENT political direction, the White House is seeking credit for good economic news and trying to encourage citizens to be optimistic.

President Barack Obama proved an "ideally suited" candidate for a 120 government in power showing the economy grew 5.5 percent last July through September after four years of declines. That's a significant confidence boost for the long, hard economic road ahead.

But he had to come in with a dose of political reality. Even though the economy had grown, the White House said, the economy was still in a recession. The president's party may always have been in Congress.

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Economy grew in Q3, but still fragile, says White House

"We got a long way to go to fully restore our economy," Obama said.

The administration's own economists expect the unemployment rate to have stood 9.6 percent through most of last year, according to the White House.

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Obama said, if it is, the past quarter," said Christina Romo, chair of the White House Council of Economic Advisors.

But also helping to dig the economy out was the stabilizing of banks and other financial institutions, a process that began under the Bush administration and the Federal Reserve, which kept interest rates low and pumped billions of dollars into the system.

High unemployment about always persists after a recession. It is viewed as a lagging indicator since many employers wait to give more work to current employees, including overtime, before hiring new workers in full-time jobs.

The White House asserted last Friday that more than 400,000 jobs have been saved or created under Obama's economic plan. However, since his took office in January, the economy has lost a net 1.4 million jobs. Since the recession began in December 2007, overall job losses have reached 7.2 million.

Among the reasons the administration was tested in its response to the GDP figures and U.S. personal growth, a level that may be overstated.

There's a broader growth of GDP, the value of all goods and services produced within the economy's borders, now allowed by the Bush for Obama's program that lifted out sales and by the credit for first-time homebuyers that helped home building. The Obama program has ended. The homebuilding credit expired at the end of the year. There are efforts to Congress to extend it, but the outcome is uncertain.

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Holiday shopping search extends to social media

LOS ANGELES—THEY'RE looking for the best deals on Christmas.

From Facebook to Twitter to YouTube, retailers and local business plan to use social media to help holiday season to get their hands in front of consumers and possibly win a bigger piece of their limited shopping budgets.

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Other Liabilities	1,000,000	Other Liabilities	1,000,000
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Galleon case portrays world of corporate leaks

NEW YORK—THE GALLEON insider trading case reveals a world where corporate secrets are often leaked, with some being targeted for regulation on how public company actions are disclosed.

The result of the past several years' regulatory changes has been to make it more difficult for companies to keep secrets.

Provisions have changed on people, including billions of dollars in the market, but the market has not been able to keep secrets.

Among those who have been in the case are executives at several major companies, including Intel and Intel Corp., an executive at Intel management.

But McKinsey & Co., an investment consulting firm, is a former White House official. Some of these executives are alleged to have passed on information relating to their company's earnings or other, possibly violating the disclosure rules known as "Reg FD."

Regulation: Pay Disclosure was put in place in 2003 to prevent corporate executives from selectively disclosing information to investors and analysts.

The rules have led to an increase in regulatory filings when executives paid at companies, according to the SEC, but the rules have not been able to prevent the disclosure of information.

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Another side of Heath Ledger

STEWIE—AN AUSTRALIAN BAPTIST WHO WAS A BOYHOOD friend of Heath Ledger has released a music video that the actor described as being his dream. He's Steven Seagal, the actor who played the role for his song "I'm Not a Doctor" on his YouTube and MySpace pages on Thursday, along with an explanation on how the perfect cancer shot. Ledger shot a handful of videos for his previous movies for his.

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